

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY MAY 16, 2005

Attendance: Katie T. Anderson, Kristi Ross, new Customer Service Coordinator for Bloomington Transit, Byron Smith, Lynn Argent, Chuck Osborn, David Carter, Susan Rinne, Elizabeth Hall, Suzie Rimstidt, Avi Spechler. **Staff Present:** Craig Brenner, Special Projects Coordinator, Community and Family Resources Department

Media: An article on the Adaptive Technology Center at Indiana University helping the visually impaired was shared.

Concerns: Avi Spechler brought up the sometimes difficult accessibility in the stacks of the Indiana University Main Library, the difficulty finding the ramps, and elevators that don't work.

Terry's Banquet Center—Terry and his wife said they'd have signage in two weeks. Katie directed that we follow-up in two weeks.

Yogi's—Craig mentioned that Yogis doesn't have an access aisle for one of their newly installed accessible parking spaces, but Chuck said the aisle is the alley and that the mediator accepted that solution.

Player's Pub—Architect John Byers looked at this establishment and estimated that a ramp could be built for around \$10,000.00, depending on materials. The manager says he can't afford it. Barbara McKinney prefers that someone who uses a wheelchair visit and this might be more effective. Katie suggested going there this summer for dinner, including members who use wheelchairs, whom we assume won't be able to get in. She will help schedule this using e-mail.

La Bamba now has a buzzer and the accessible door is kept unlocked.

Chuck presented a letter that Maurice Brockman gave him from a person who uses a wheelchair. The letter was a very informal survey of some good and bad businesses for accessibility in Bloomington. Chuck will invite the person to attend CCA.

Craig asked for suggestions to answer Hospice Social Worker Pat Muyskens' request regarding a man who wants to visit his home in Owen County. The doors are narrow, the house is full, and the man's wheelchair is extra wide. Brainstorming resulted in no suggestions at this time.

BUSINESS

New Structure for Leadership Recommendations:

- 1) *Spring* is now changed to *March-April*.

- 2) Craig will report on the CCA funds available each meeting. Checks are written by the City Controller's office.
- 3) ***Hire Potential*** and ***Way to Go*** need to be included and listed as separate committees or under another appropriate committee.

Katie will address further revisions on this and invite further suggestions by e-mail.

Database for Emergencies—Byron will follow up with Bob Althaus on 911 list.

Business Registration—Chuck and Byron will get together with James McNamara to try to develop a plan to trigger an ADA inspection of new businesses, whether they involve new construction, renovation, or a change to a new type of business.

Awards Ceremony—A committee was formed including several members present. October 18th or October 19th is being considered for the Hire Potential Youth Shadowing Day. (Last year CCA partnered with Hire Potential to share the cost of the speaker.) Susan Rinne described two potential speakers being considered: Erin Reyl who talks about Project Search of Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and Terry, a man with a disability from Indiana who is very clever.

Announcements—Avi Spechler asked for suggestions for finding a tutor for an IU student who has a disability. Avi will bring a videotape for viewing at the next meeting.

“Building Business Partnerships: Best Practices and Employer Perspectives for Job Developers” will be held June 3, 2005. Call Susan Rinne for more information.

Way to Go—Next monthly training will be held May 18 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon at Bloomington Transit.

Katie Anderson congratulated everyone who participated in Business Expo and Community Connections at Ivy Tech. She declared the conversations elicited by the accessibility contest wheel at Business Expo to be outstanding.

A brochure about Hoosier House Help, Jennifer MackInday owner, 812.360.7288, www.hoosierhousehelp.com was passed around.

*Respectfully submitted,
Suzie Rimstidt*